

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 2 has been amended to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5). FIG. 2 now includes the reference character θ with accompanying lines showing the visual angle θ described in the Specification. Support for this amendment may be found in paragraphs [0016] and [0036] of the Clean Substitute Specification. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d) a Replacement Sheet and an Annotated Sheet Showing Changes to the drawing are attached in the appendix of this Preliminary Amendment. *No new matter has been added.*

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated April 14, 2008. In the amendment, claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled and new claims 3, 4, and 5 have been added. *These amendments add no new matter.* Support for these claims can be found variously through the Specification, Figures, and cancelled claims 1 and 2. Claims 3-5 remain pending in the application. In light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

The drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5). While not conceding the propriety of these objections and in order to advance the prosecution of the above-identified application, the FIG. 2 has been amended to include the reference character θ . Appreciation is expressed for the Examiner's helpful suggestions.

However, concerning the focal length f , as described in the Specification, f is not a reference character which may be shown in the drawings, but "results from synthesizing the whole of lenses within the image pickup unit containing the front lens" (Substitute Specification, paras [0013].) Or in other words, the focal length f is the "whole focal length of front lens 2 and lens group 4." (Substitute Specification, para. [0034].)

Accordingly, withdrawal of these objections is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶2, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim what Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of these grounds of rejection as moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If any further issues remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve them.

This response is believed to be a complete response to the Office Action. However, Applicant reserve the right to set forth further arguments supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future

papers. Further, for any instances in which the Examiner took Official Notice in the Office Action, Applicant expressly do not acquiesce to the taking of Official Notice, and respectfully request that the Examiner provide an affidavit to support the Official Notice taken in the next Office Action, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(d)(2) and MPEP § 2144.03.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. SON-2874 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Attachments: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes
Clean Substitute Specification
Marked-up Substitute Specification

ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANGES

